PANJA): (a) and (b) The relay of National News Bulletin in Hindi from Doordarshan Kendra, Madras was discontinued from November, 1982 on the request of Government of Tamil Nadu.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

Payment of house tax in Delhi

@963. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, on the recommendations made by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances has decided to put the onus of paying house tax on property owners; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances of the Government of India have made some recommendations in this regard. But the Municipal Corporation of Delhi has not taken such a decision.

Function of Government Railway Police

@@964. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTECHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government Railway Police functions to maintain law and order on the railways concerning the passengers and also to protect railway property;

(b) whether the G.R.P. are authorised to arrest and to prosecute the offenders; and

(c) whetrer the G.R.P. force personnel are allowed to form their own Associations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. Government Railway Police functions to maintain law and order on railways. The Railway property in particular is looked after by the Railway Protection force.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The laws and rules prevailing in the States will determine this matter.

Robberies in Kerala Express

*965. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) wehther Government are aware that the incidents of organised robbery and snatching of ornaments of passengers have been on the increase rcently in south bound trains particularly in Kerala Express mostly between Ballarsha and Kazipeth in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what effective measures are being taken to ensure security of the life and property of the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Steps to prevent Property Tax evasion in Delhi

**966. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFARIS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take various steps including amending the Municipal Corporation of

@Previously Unstarred Question 544 transferred from the 7th November, 1986.

@@ Previously Unstarred Question 153 transferred from the 5th November, 1986.

*Previously unstarred Question 291 transferred from the 5th November, 1986.

**Previously Unstarred Question 463 transferred from the 7th November, 1986.